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<b>Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/796,499	<b>Applicant(s)</b> ESPOSITO, BEN	
	<b>Examiner</b> Idriss N. Alrobaye	<b>Art Unit</b> 2183	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Idriss N. Alrobaye. (3) \_\_\_\_\_.

(2) Gall Gottfried. (4) \_\_\_\_\_.

Date of Interview: 19 July 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference  
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.  
If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 17.


Identification of prior art discussed: Peng U.S. Patent No. 5,594,675.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Mr. Gottfried spoke with the examiner with regards to the propose amendments (see attachment). The examiner indicated that the propose amendments would overcome Peng reference (U.S. Patent No. 5,594,675). Furthermore, the examiner indicated that the propose amendments would require further search and consideration.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS FOR DISCUSSION BY TELEPHONE

1. (proposed amendment) Digital signal processing (DSP) circuitry that independently processes a plurality of multi-channel data signals, comprising:

a plurality of columns of registers, each said column comprising an input and a plurality of registers arranged in serial; and

interconnection circuitry for allowing successive channels of said plurality of multi-channel data signals to be selectively shifted through said plurality of registers in each said column and to also be selectively shifted through a plurality of registers in at least one other of said plurality of columns, wherein said interconnection circuitry allows a value at the input of each column to be selectively routed to any said register in said respective column by bypassing any register or registers that precede said register in said respective column.

17. (proposed amendment) A programmable logic device (PLD), comprising:

digital signal processing (DSP) circuitry that supports multiple channels of data being transmitted on the same carrier, said DSP circuitry comprising:

tap delay line circuitry that comprises registers for registering the data of each of the multiple channels such that the data of each channel is not mixed

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with the data of any other channel, wherein the tap delay line circuitry comprises:

an input; and

interconnection circuitry that allows a value received at the input to be selectively routed to any register of said registers in said tap delay line circuitry by bypassing any register or registers that precede said register in said tap delay line circuitry; and

utilization circuitry that performs a function on data received from said tap delay line circuitry.